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SUBJECT: CHILE: BILATERAL TALKS

1. FOLLOWING ALMEYDA SPEECH TO OASGA AND EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF REPLY BY CRIMMINS, INFORMAL MEETING WAS ARRANGED TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF BILATERAL TALKS. MEETING WAS HELD MORNING OF APRIL 9 AT CHILEAN EMBASSY. ATTENDING WERE ALMEYDA, LETELIER, CRIMMINS AND HENNESSY. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION FOLLOWS.

2. BOTH SIDES REVIEWED THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS COVERING FAMILIAR GROUND OF DECEMBER 1972 AND MARCH 1973 TALKS. CHILEANS EXPRESSED PRIMARY INTEREST IN HEARING U. S. COUNTER PROPOSAL TO 1914 PROCEDURE ADVANCED BY GOC. U. S. SIDE RESPONDED NOTING THAT UNDER 1914 PROCEDURE ADVANCED BY CHILE WE WOULD TAKE ALL THE RISKS INVOLVED; RATHER, WE SAID, THESE RISKS SHOULD BE SHARED WITH CORRESPONDING BALANCE ASSUMED BY GOC.

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3. CRIMMINS REFERRED TO RECENT L'UNITA INTERVIEW WITH ALLENDE AND LATTER' S GRATUITOUS COMMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION CONTEMPLATED UNDER 1914 TREATY " COULD RESOLVE THE CONFLICT OR REFER US TO THE HAGUE COURT." CRIMMINS ASKED WHAT THIS MEANT WITH REGARD TO THE THIRD STAGE OF THE PROCEDURE. ALMEYDA AND LETELIER WERE EVASIVE.

4. ALMEYDA AND LETELIER GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE IN THEIR VIEWS THAN THOSE EXPRESSED BY CHILEAN DELEGATION A THAT PERRSONALLY HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A GOOD BASIS HERE FOR A TITLE II PROGRAM OF THE NATURE DISCUSSED BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE QUESTIONS OF WHETHER IVS SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN AN UNDERTAKING SO FAR AFIELD FROM ITS MAIN INTEREST OF PLACING MIDDLE- LEVEL TECHNICIANS AND OF WHETHER IN THE END THE GOP WOULD BE WILLING TO SHOULDER NOT ONLY THE LOCAL COSTS BUT ALSO THE COSTS OF THE FULL IVS OPERATION-- INCLUDING THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR, NECESSARY CONSULTANTS AND US BACKSTOPPING ACTIVITIES. WE STATED THAT WE THOUGHT THAT IVS' S ACTIVITY HERE UNDER A TITLE II PROGRAM WOULD BE A DEFINITE ADVANTAGE TO IT IN ITS EFFORTS TO PLACE VOLUNTEERS AND THAT WE OURSELVES WERE DETERMINED THAT ANY NEW TITLE II ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE SOUNDLY BASED FINANCIALLY. WE ENCOURAGED MR. BERNHART AND IVS TO STUDY CAREFULLY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONDUCTING A TITLE II OPERATION.

4. WFP PROJECT MANAGER HERE HAD NOT HEARD OF POSSIBLE WORLD-WIDE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN IVS AND WFP, AND WE THOUGHT IT NOT ADVISABLE TO SEEK TO GET HIM TO RESPOND AT THIS TIME TO ANY HYPOTHETICAL PROPOSAL FOR SUCH A COMBINATION HERE. ALTHOUGH POSSIBLE, THE COMBINATION WITH THE WFP STRIKES US AS UNDESIRABLY COMPLICATED.

5. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT IVS PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE ON THE TITLE II PROGRAM ALONE. IT IS NOT YET A REGISTERED US VOLUNTARY AGENCY, IT HAS LITTLE FINANCIAL DEPTH IN THE US ( A YEARLY BUDGET OF \$500,000) AND LITTLE IF ANY EXPERIENCE IN TITLE II OPERATIONS OUTSIDE OF IN- COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION SERVICES.

6. IN VIEW FOREGOING WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE THAT SOLANO LOPEZ BE TOLD THAT, ALTHOUGH AN IVS- WFP OPERATION MIGHT IN THE END PROVE FEASIBLE, IT WOULD BE IN PARAGUAY' S INTEREST THAT IN MEANTIME HE SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH SEVERAL OF CURRENTLY REGISTERED US VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CAPABLE OF HANDLING ALL ASPECTS OF TITLE II PROGRAM TO SEE WHETHER ONE OF THEM COULD BE INTERESTED IN WORKING IN PARAGUAY. WE WILL GIVE OUR VIEWS TO SAPENA PASTOR UPON HIS RETURN AND REQUEST THAT YOU SPEAK WITH SOLANO LOPEZ ALONG SAME LINES.

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